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Washington, DC 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Add the following claims:

--15. A method of recycling waste carpeting and forming a useful intermediate product, comprising the steps of:

- (a) collecting waste carpeting containing calcium carbonate and at least one of a thermoplastic resin, nylon and caprolactam; and
- (b) reducing the waste carpeting to a predetermined particle size in a range of 50-100 to 95-325 wherein the first number represents the percentage of the